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For: MOLDING AND TENTATIVELY RETAINING MOLD AND METHOD OF
MOLDING AND TENTATIVE RETENTION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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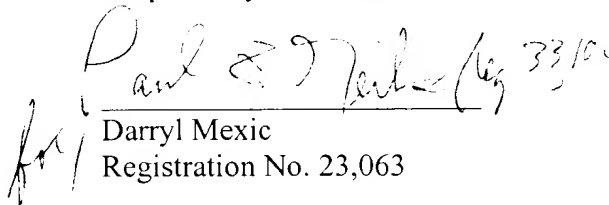
request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations:

The submission of the attached English language abstract along with JPA No. 8-250183 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference. Also, JP-A-8-250183 is disclosed on page 1 in the specification for the above-identified application.

The submission of the listed document is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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